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Title: CONDUCTING A   :

PRELIMINARY WORLD WIDE WEB   :

SEARCH FOR ATTRIBUTES OF A   :

PRODUCT THROUGH PREDETERMINED :

DATABASE SEARCH QUERIES TO   :

PREDETERMINED DATABASE WEB   :

SITES TO PROVIDE A PURCHASE   :

PROFILE OF THE PRODUCT   :

OFFERED FOR SALE BY A WEB   :

PAGE   :

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AMENDMENT AFTER APPEAL
TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear sir:

In response to Examiner's Answer made herein on October 16, 2008, in order correct a defect in antecedents which resulted in the rejection of claims 19 and 20 under 35 USC 112, 2nd Paragraph, please amend the claims to read as follows.

1. (previously presented) In a World Wide Web (Web) communication network with user access through a plurality of data processor controlled user interactive receiving display stations, a system for buying products offered from Web sites comprising:

    means at a receiving display station for displaying a Web page accessed from a Web site;

    means for selecting a product offered for sale from said Web page;

    means for storing at said receiving station, a set of predetermined search queries respectively to each of a set of Web database sites for data related to attributes of a selected product; and

    means responsive to a selection of a product for automatically sending said search queries to said Web database sites wherein a purchase profile of the product is provided.

2. (canceled)

3. (original) The Web system for buying products of claim 1 wherein one of said search queries is sent to a database Web site providing data on the quality of the Web sites offering products.

4. (original) The Web system for buying products of claim 1 wherein one of said search queries is sent to a database Web site providing data on the quality of the selected product.

5. (original) The Web system for buying products of claim 1 wherein one of said search queries is sent to a database Web site providing data on the comparative price of the selected product at a plurality of Web sites offering the product.

6. (canceled)

7. (previously presented) In a Web communication network with user access through a plurality of data processor controlled user interactive receiving display stations, a method for buying products offered from a plurality of Web sites comprising:

   displaying a Web page accessed from a Web site at a receiving display station;

   selecting a product offered for sale from said Web page;

   storing at said receiving station, a set of predetermined search queries respectively to each of a set of Web database sites for data related to attributes of a selected product; and

   automatically sending said search queries to said Web database sites responsive to a selection of a product wherein a purchase profile of the product is formed.

8. (canceled)

9. (original) The method for buying products of claim 7 wherein one of said search queries is sent to a database Web site providing data on the quality of the Web sites offering products.

10. (original) The method for buying products of claim 7 wherein one of said search queries is sent to a database Web site providing data on the quality of the selected product.

11. (original) The method for buying products of claim 7 wherein one of said search queries is sent to a database Web site providing data on the comparative price of the selected product at a plurality of Web sites offering the product.

12. (canceled)

13. (previously presented) A computer program having code recorded on a computer readable medium for buying products offered from a plurality of Web sites in a Web communication network with user access via a plurality of data processor controlled interactive receiving display stations, said program comprising:

   means at a receiving display station for displaying a Web page accessed from a Web site;

   means for selecting a product offered for sale from said Web page;

   means for storing at said receiving station, a set of predetermined search queries respectively to each of a set of Web database sites for data related to attributes of a selected product; and

   means responsive to a selection of a product for automatically sending said search queries to said Web database sites wherein a purchase profile of the product is formed.

14. (canceled)

15. (original) The computer program of claim 13 wherein one of said search queries is sent to a database Web site providing data on the quality of the Web sites offering products.

16. (original) The computer program of claim 13 wherein one of said search queries is sent to a database Web site providing data on the quality of the selected product.

17. (original) The computer program of claim 13 wherein one of said search queries is sent to a database Web site providing data on the comparative price of the selected product at a plurality of Web sites offering the product.

18. (canceled)

19. (currently amended) The computer program of claim 13 wherein said ~~Web browser~~ <u>computer</u> program further includes a plug-in program including:

said means for storing a set of predetermined search queries respectively to each of a set of Web database sites for data related to attributes of a selected product; and

said means responsive to a selection of a product for automatically sending said search queries to said Web database sites.

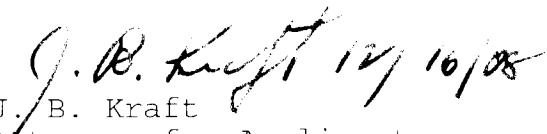20. (original) The computer program of claim 19 further including:

means for adding or deleting predetermined search queries to said set of queries; and

means for adding or deleting Web database sites to said set of Web database sites.

It is respectfully requested that the present Amendment which only changes the language of claim 19 to correct the antecedents therein so that claims 19 and 20 are no longer indefinite under 35 USC 112, second paragraph be entered to narrow the issues on appeal.

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